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A More full and exact

ACCOUNT

Of that most dreadful Fire,

Which happened at

WAPPING

On Sunday Night the nineteenth of this instant *Novemb.* between 10 and 11 a clock

Also a True and full Account of the damages sustained by that dreadful fire whilst it continued burning all day on *Munday.*

With a true Account as near as can yet be given, of the manner of its first beginning, the number of houses burnt down, and of the number of persons that have perished in the raging Flames.

LAst Night being the 19th of *November*, a dreadful Fire happened at the house of one Captain, *Allen*, a Sea-Captain, Living in *Cinamon*-Lane near *Whapping*, through the negligence of an idle Fellow, by Profession a *Sawyer*, who Lodged in a Garret of the said House, he coming home drunk, being careless of his Candle, it fell amongst some Shavings, and immediately fastned upon the Boards and consumed that House, and altho it was immediately discovered and help coming in, yet the wind

being at South-West and blowing so violently the Engines could not Play with any succeſs; but the Engineers were not wanting in their Induſtry, but had taken ſo much pains, that ſeven or eight were broke in the Service. The Fire growing Vigorous, it faſtned upon a new Ship upon the Stocks, in Sir *William Warrens* Yard. The Labouring men not knowing how to ſuppreſs the fury of the Flames, bored holes thorow her, and it being then high-water, ſunk her; by which means ſhe was preſerved.

His Grace, the Duke of *Albemarle* and the Earl of *Craven* came thither this morning about two of the Clock, and ordered the blowing up of ſeveral Houſes to prevent its further Progreſs, but all that they could do though aſſiſted by a number of people, proved very ineffectual, the Fire flaming with that impetuoſity, that no Art could ſtop it, in the ſeveral Attempts to blow up Houſes, ſeveral poor Creatures periſhed in the Ruines, many ſay nine, but moſt ſay ſeven periſhed altogether in one Houſe.

It is reported that the Lady *Ivye* living in *Gravel*-Lane is endamaged ſome hundreds of pounds *Per Annum*, Sir *William Warren* owned the moſt part of *Cinamon-Lane*, but thanks to the inſuring Office he is like to redeem ſatisfaction for 500 *l. Per Annum*. It is believed that there are at leaſt ſix or ſeven hundred houſes burned to the Ground, it being a Mile in Compaſs, and it is to be feared it will do more conſiderable damage, it being not it Extinguiſhed at 12 a Clock, but flaming then with an unreſiſted force. This is as full an Account as can at preſent be given.

The damage done by water was very inconſiderable, a *Pink* of a ſmall value being only conſumed, but the loſs by houſes and houſhold-ſtuff in a ſmall time cannot be computed. Thus we ſee what vaſt Treaſures may be devoured in a Moment of time, through the Negligence of one careleſs man. One would think the many Fires that have been, might put every man upon a more then ordinary Watchfulneſs. But alas! how ſoon are thoſe awakenning Judgments forgotten; a Month hence poſſibly this Fire will be ſo little in the thoughts of ſome as if it had never been, thoſe that are the leaſt ſufferers will be ſoneſt apt to forget it. But the Lord knows how ſuddainly thoſe that are now ſafe may be ſmitten with the ſame Rod. All are concerned to be very Circumſpect and careful, leaſt the ſame or ſuch like unhappy Judgment ſurprizes them in their ſecurity. Now the Inhabitants of *Wapping* are viſited by a ſevere affliction, who knows in how little time, others that think themſelves ſecure, may be involved in the ſame diſeaſe, which the Lord of his infinite mercy, preſerve our flouriſhing City, not only from the Malice, Envy, and Subtilty of the Papiſt, but from a ſupine Negligence and Security.

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This is the True Account as near as can be given, of the damages ſuſtained by this moſt dreadful Fire, whilſt it continued burning all day on Munday the 20th of this Inſtant till Night.

Tueſday November the 22d. A more fully Relation of the Dreadful Fire at *Wapping*, *viz.* On *Munday* Night, between Eight and Nine of the Clock it was ſomething abated and about twelve wholly Extinguiſhed; the number of Houſes, as near as can be Computed to be Conſumed are 200 amongſt which were two or three hundred blown up, and we here in the Execution thereof about 40 Perſons were killed, beſides others very much bruiſed and wounded to the number of 60 or upward. But at preſent, we cannot hear, but that only an old woman periſhed in the flames; who through her Age and weakneſs was uncapable of ſhifting for her ſelf. Great was the care and diligence of Sir *John Wetwang* in this unhappy Accident, who being owner of the Ship that is building in Sir *William Warrens* Yard, ſhe being of ſeven hundred Tuns burthen, and if conſumed the loſs thereof would have been 6 or 7000 *l.* But by his diligence, in entering the Ship firſt him elf, and diſtributing twenty Guinies to ſome Seamen and others, they by their induſtrious labour and Sir. *Johns* heartning them up preſerved her; which if had been fired would have done very conſiderable damage to ſeveral houſes adjacent; amongſt the houſes that were conſumed, the chiefeſt were Sir *William Warrens*, one Mr. *Hoopers*, Mr. *Wilſons* Mr. *Haines*, and Mr. *Jacksons*, who all kept conſiderable *Deal Yards*. And one Mr. *Grinbals* having a *Maſt Yard* ſuſtained great loſs thereby, to the value of ſeveral hundreds of pounds. Alſo one Mr. *Bond* a Brewer his houſe was burnt and loſt ſeveral hundred pounds being then a Brewing, beſides vaſt quantities of Buts of *Beer* were deſtroyed in ſeveral *Ale*-Houſes.

Beſides theſe perſons of note, were divers Shopkeepers of all Trades, whoſe goods and wares were all conſumed; only ſome few goods which ſome ſaved in *Shadwel* Church; others being in great conſternation delivered their goods to ſeveral perſons whom they know not, amongſt whom ſome were ſo honeſt as to deliver the ſame and others never to return what they received.

Several perſons who were burnt out, were forced to lie in the neighbouring Field all night, who two nights before had good Habitations to Reſide in.

The Fire ended near *Shadwel*-Dock, having burnt a mile in length and a quarter in breadth.

We cannot underſtand any farther damage was done by water, only a Fly-Boat took Fire, but by the induſtry of the men belonging to her ſhe was ſaved, having received ſome ſmall damage.

We further hear, that a diſtiller had ſeveral pieces of Brandy ſtaved for fear if they ſhould have taken fire, it might have done conſiderable damage.

My Lord Mayor and the two Sheriffs were not wanting to aid and aſſiſt what they could, there was likewiſe a Company or two of the Train'd-Bands, and ſeveral Barrels of Gunpowder was brought from the *Tower*, and other places, in Order to blowing up of houſes, and there were ſome baſe Villains that were ſo *Impudent* as to ſteal and carry away two Barrels of the Powder, But being taken in the Fact, were committed, and muſt anſwer for the ſame.

And this is the trueſt Account that hath been hither to publiſhed

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